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## School-Based Services

Reimbursement will be statewide contract rates using uniform fees for each type of service such as, but not limited to: occupational therapy, speech therapy or nursing services. This contract rate will account for the resources necessary to deliver services including overhead costs. Consistent use of the statewide expenditure data will avoid duplication of direct and indirect cost categorization.

The statewide contract rates will be based on:

- Cost and utilization data provided by all state school districts to the Department of Public Instruction;
- Surveys of a cross section of school districts to establish the number of service units and the time necessary to provide them, some cost and related information; and
- Information on private sector providers of the same types of service.

Contract rates will be based on statewide cost and utilization data provided by the Department of Public Instruction. Additional data from other sources will be used as necessary.

From the inception of the school-based services benefit to date, the non-federal share of expenditures for these services has been composed of expenditures of state and local funds by local educational agencies (LEAs), certified by the LEAs to the State Medicaid Program as public expenditures for Medicaid covered services. The Department will submit a state plan amendment with an effective date no later than July 1, 2005, establishing a new reimbursement methodology and a new method of funding the non-federal share of payments for school-based services, and this section will sunset at that time.

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